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**METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR OPTIMIZING INTERFACIAL
PROPERTIES OF MAGNETORESISTIVE SENSORS**

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please consider this response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2002.

REMARKS

In the Office Action of April 19, 2002, the Examiner classified the claims into Group I directed to a method of making a magnetoresistive sensor and Group II directed to a magnetoresistive sensor. Paragraph 4 on page 3 of the Office Action refers to Group I and separates the claims of Group II into 3 species. It appears that the reference should be to Group II. In any event, Applicant is provisionally electing with traverse to prosecute in this application the claims of Group I drawn to a method of making a magnetoresistive sensor. The claims of Group II are to be held in abeyance and Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications addressing the nonelected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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